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## Williams, White win student election; voters support smoking ban, agency

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NEWS EDITOR

Alexander Williams and running mate Mike White prevailed in this week's student government president/regent elections.

Slightly more than 10 percent of students voted in the two-day contest, which began with students campaigning in an open forum Tuesday and ended with several candidates waiting for results on Wednesday night.

However, neither challenger Logan Smith nor his running mate Chris Beaudoin was present on Wednesday. When asked, Smith said he "didn't even know it was being released" and that he was "busy all day."

Latavia Adams, student government legislative and public relations officer, said that Smith and Beaudoin were told on Sept. 14 at a mandatory meeting that the results would be released the night the polls closed.

Smith and Beaudoin took 521 votes (35.13 percent), losing to Williams and White's 844 votes (56.91 percent). Fifty-six students (3.78 percent) wrote in a candidate and 62 (4.18 percent) offered no vote.



photo by Michelle Bishop

Alexander Williams and Michael White cut their campaign banner in half to celebrate their victory Wednesday night.

Barb Treadway, director of student organizations and leadership programs, said that since online voting began in 1999, "this is the largest turnout we've had." She attributed the turnout of 1,483 voters to student government's visibility efforts the past year.

Current Student Government President/Regent Steve Massara agreed, attributing the success to a



photo by Michelle Bishop

Alexander Williams and Michael White shake hands after hearing of their victory in this week's student government election. They defeated Logan Smith and Chris Beaudoin in the president/vice president race.

combination of "having good candidates" and the "grassroots visibility effort" that has been his focus since taking office.

Williams said the visibility effort "helped" and praised Massara, telling him his visibility campaign was "a success." However, he also attributed the increased turnout to the efforts of the candidates.

"The amount of self-campaigning, though, was what made the difference," he said. "We handed out about 6,000 flyers and were campaigning from last Friday through 6 p.m. today."

Election Commissioner Josh Wiechman said the election was grievance-free when the polls closed at 6 p.m. Wednesday. However, candidates had until 6 p.m. on Thursday to file last-minute grievances.

Other results from the election included three referenda items required by the Board of Regents, asking about Fund A student fee support to the Gateway, student government and student programming. Funding for the Gateway was approved by 777 votes (52.39 percent), and funding

of SPO passed with 882 voters (59.47 percent).

Voters followed tradition and rejected a measure that would have provided salaries to the executive members of student government, including president/regent, by 832 votes (56.10 percent).

This year's ballot also featured four opinion questions for informational purposes only. These included three questions regarding the creation of a campus smoking ban as well as a question about the formation of a lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender student agency.

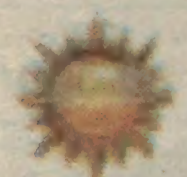
Voters overwhelmingly supported all three smoking ban questions, with 926 students (62.44 percent) approving of a campus-wide ban, 1008 students (67.97 percent) approving of a ban on the main corridor of campus from Durham Science Center to Kayser Hall and 1057 students (71.27 percent) approving of a smoking ban near the south library walkway.

Massara said he was "very excited to have

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## Murder suspect awaits judge's decision in case of missing sophomore



Christopher Edwards

TAYLOR MULLER  
ASST. NEWS AND  
SPORTS EDITOR

The man charged with murdering a UNO sophomore was again denied bond, but awaits decision on whether or not the case will be

dismissed.

Prosecutors say UNO student Jessica O'Grady was murdered by her boyfriend Christopher Edwards. No body has been found, but prosecutors say blood evidence is enough for a conviction. Edwards allegedly killed O'Grady with a Bangkok battle sword.

O'Grady has been missing since May 10. Edwards has maintained his innocence since turning himself in at the Sheriff's request on June 9.

On Sept. 12, Edwards' defense lawyers put into court record that there is no body associated with his murder case by asking for a copy of the autopsy report.

"We wanted to file a motion to dismiss the case," said Matt Higgins, one of Edwards' attorneys. "The main facts for our dismissal; there is no body."

O'Grady's family has

stated that she was pregnant at the time of her disappearance. However, investigators were unable to verify it through blood testing. Friends and family of O'Grady have raised more than \$10,000 as a reward for

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## Crime Log

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Monday, Sept. 25

**4:05 a.m.** Campus Security identified a suspicious person involved in a liquor law violation in Lot A. Omaha Police responded and suspect was arrested for outstanding warrants.

**10:50 p.m.** Student reported theft of personal property from grounds of Scott Hall.

Sunday, Sept. 24

**5:45 a.m.** Campus Security identified four suspicious males riding bicycles through campus. None of the bicycles had been reported stolen.

**5:40 p.m.** Student reported theft of bicycle from University Village. Incident occurred between 1 p.m., Friday, Sept. 23 and 10 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 24.

Friday, Sept. 22

**12:10 p.m.** Campus Security received report of sexual assault that occurred at University Village. Incident occurred 3:30 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 19.

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### UNO looks greener, explores next step

A forum entitled "Exploring Sustainability: The Next Step" will be held Tuesday, Oct. 10, from noon until 1 p.m. This event will be held in the Milo Bail Student Center Dodge Room.

Those wishing to participate can fill out a survey at p2ric.org/UNOgreen. During the forum the survey will be used to divide participants into groups that will talk about issues such as energy, transportation, water use and green building.

### UNO Bell Tower Challenge set for Oct. 18

For the past 12 years, the Bell Tower Challenge has taken place at UNO. Teams compete to stack as many cans of food as possible. The event is set to take place Wednesday, Oct. 18 under the Heningson Memorial Campanile Bell Tower.

The cans are donated to the Omaha Food Bank after the completion of the challenge. Over the years, 33,000 pounds of food have been donated from this event.

"We would love to set a new record this year," said David Corbin, event founder and a professor in the UNO School of Health, Physical Education and Recreation. "That means we need to collect more than 5,700 pounds of food."

Teams can still register for this event. The registration deadline is Friday, Oct. 13 at noon. Visit unomaha.edu/healthed to register.

### Charla movie screening today

There will be a screening of *The Three Burials of Melquiades Estrada* today. It is the first of the Charla Series. The screening will be held in the Eppley Administration Building Auditorium at 6 p.m.

After the screening, Steven Torres, an assistant professor of foreign language and literature at UNO, will host a

discussion.

*The Three Burials of Melquiades Estrada* stars Tommy Lee Jones and follows the journey of Pete Perkins to bury his deceased best friend in Mexico.

### Library celebrates new addition

With the completion of the library addition, there are several activities to celebrate. More than 600,000 people visit the library each year and these events celebrate the addition to the building.

Following the completion of construction, UNO will host the following activities to celebrate the new addition:

Wednesday, Oct. 11

Dedication ceremony, library main floor, 11 a.m.

Yellow Barn press exhibit opening, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 12

"Tours and Technology Day"

UNO Library Friends and UNO Child Care Center reception, 2 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 13

"Student Appreciation Day"

Free lunch at the library cafe, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Class of 1956 alumni tour, 1 p.m.

Community appreciation event, 3 to 6 p.m.

### Songwriting competition seeks participants

The International Songwriting Competition is seeking participants to enter original songs. The deadline is Oct. 16. The contest is open to amateur and professional songwriters, musicians and artists.

More than 50 winners will receive more than \$150,000 in cash as prizes. The grand-prize winner will receive \$25,000 cash as well as \$20,000 in prizes.

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# Lincoln chem prof arrested for distributing explosives to students



John Belot Jr.

DREW HANSON  
STAFF WRITER

Last month a UNL chemistry professor was arrested for handing out explosives to students in his General Chemistry II class.

On Sept. 11, John Belot Jr., 38, was arrested at his home on suspicion of a possessing a destructive device, unlawful sale or transfer of explosives as well as storing explosives in violation of safety regulations.

Belot, an associate chemistry professor, was arraigned in court the next day and released on \$2,500 bail. He was formally charged with a Class IV felony for possession of an explosive device.

According to UNL police, the explosives were described to be between 2 and 4 inches in length, housed in cardboard tubing that was red and silver in color. A green fuse was used as the ignition device.

A student of Belot's contacted the UNL police after Belot had been acting strange during class. On Sept. 8 he had a student retrieve a bag from his office. Belot then reportedly asked the class if they wanted any of the explosives.

Campus police said eight or nine explosives were handed out. So far, eight have been retrieved.

Ben Vazquez, a biochemistry major at UNL, said Belot's behavior "was very unlike the charismatic teacher. I had him for a class a few semesters ago and would never have expected him to do something like this."

Because Belot is a tenured professor, actions against him must go in front of a board where a recommendation will be given to the Board of Regents. The regents then decides what type of actions will be taken against Belot. He is currently suspended from his position, and a graduate student has been hired to teach his class.

"Ultimately, in the end, we are grateful nobody was hurt," said Kelly Bartling, news manager for UNL. "The students did the right thing by going to police when they noticed something wasn't right with the class."

Bartling went on to say that the explosives had been classified as powerful fireworks that carry the capability to "cause serious bodily harm if mishandled."

"UNO uses explosive compounds," said Chris DeSpain, a biotechnology major at UNO, "but they are always used under specific control environments."

Belot was unable to be reached for comment.

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substantial data" to move forward on his campus smoking ban, which has been the centerpiece of his administration.

Regarding the LGBT student agency, a plurality of students approved of the measure (42.21 percent), while 36.28 percent of students opposed it and more than 20 percent of voters did not offer a response.

The newly elected senators will

take office next Thursday, Oct. 12. Williams and White will take office following a formal ceremony on Jan. 19, Massara said. Williams' first Board of Regents meeting will be on Jan. 20.

For a complete list of winners from the student senate races, see page 4.

Assistant News & Sports Editor  
Taylor Muller contributed to this article.

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any information leading to finding O'Grady or her body.

Edwards was back in the courtroom Oct. 2 for his pre-trial hearing.

At the hearing, a motion to dismiss the case was entered as well as an oral motion to have his bond reviewed. Edwards is currently being held without bond until his trial on Dec 4.

The oral motion for a bond review was ruled on the bench and denied by Judge Russel Derr.

"The judge is supposed to treat the prosecution's allegations in the most favorable light," Higgins said. "Judge Derr is playing it safe. It's completely within the discretion of a judge."

Higgins said Edwards should be out, but the judge feels that the accused crimes are too heinous.

Blood and DNA evidence collected at Edwards' house proves O'Grady was murdered, even without a body, said Matt Kuhse, one of the Douglas County prosecutors.

Derr gave the defense two weeks to provide case law that shows Edwards' case should be dismissed. The prosecution will then be given seven days to respond to the brief.

"That issue will be taken up on Nov. 7," said Kuhse. "That's also when we'll revisit the motion for continuance."

As part of their case against Edwards, the county attorney's office has brought in two nationally recognized expert witnesses to analyze the evidence.

"In some cases expert witnesses are needed from time to time to educate or provide additional information to the jury," said Kuhse. "They're nationally known experts in this field, so they're doing everything they need to do."

Kuhse said the defense believes that without a body associated with the murder charge, Edwards would not be receiving a fair trial. But, that the prosecution will not need a body to convict Edwards.

Although O'Grady's whereabouts are unknown, Edwards has not left the Douglas County Department of Corrections since being arrested four months ago. Even under such conditions, Higgins said the defense was optimistic about both the case and their client.

"[Edwards] is holding up quite well; he's an avid reader," Higgins said. "He's been biding his time."

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Legislative and Public Relations  
Network for disAbleD Students  
Women's Resource Center

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Interfraternity Council (IFC)  
Panhellenic Council (PHC)  
National PanHellenic Council Greeks (NPHC)

## Greek Fraternities

Lambda Chi Alpha  
Sigma Lambda Beta  
Omega Psi Phi  
Sigma Phi Epsilon  
Phi Beta Sigma  
Theta Chi  
Pi Kappa Alpha

## Greek Sororities

Alpha Kappa Alpha  
Alpha Xi Delta  
Sigma Gamma Rho  
Chi Omega  
Sigma Kappa  
Delta Sigma Theta  
Zeta Phi Beta  
Lambda Theta Nu Zeta Tau Alpha

## Ethnic/Cultural Organizations

African American Organization  
Association of Latino American Students  
Chinese Students & Scholars Association (CSSA)  
Indian Students Association  
InterTribal Student Council  
National Council of Negro Women  
Pan African Student Organization  
People to People  
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Alpha Kappa Delta (Intl. Sociology)  
Alpha Sigma Lambda (Continuing Studies)  
American Humanics Student Association  
Beta Alpha Psi (Accounting)  
Delta Phi Alpha (German)  
Eta Sigma Gamma (Health Professions)  
Golden Key Honor Society  
Kappa Delta Pi (Education)  
Kappa Kappa Psi (Honorary Band Society)  
Omicron Delta Kappa  
Order of Omega (Greek Honorary)  
Phi Alpha Theta (History)  
Pi Delta Phi (French Honor Society)

Pi Gamma Mu  
Psi Chi (Psychology)  
Sigma Iota Rho (International Studies)  
Sigma Tau Delta (English Honor Society)  
Tri-Beta Biological Honor Society (Biology)

## Professional Organizations

Ad Club  
Alliance of Fitness Professionals  
Alpha Eta Rho (Aviation)  
American Society Heating/Ref. and A/C Engineers  
American Society of Training & Development  
Association for Supervision & Curriculum Development  
Criminal Justice Graduate Student Organization  
Delta Epsilon Dietetic Chi (DEX)  
Delta Sigma Pi Business Fraternity  
Financial Management Association  
UNO Forensics  
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National Student Speech, Language & Hearing Assoc.  
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Pre-Veterinary Club  
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Student Parent Network  
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## Student Senate election results

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**President/Regent & Vice President**  
Alexander C. Williams & Mike White (56.91%)

## Class Senators

**Graduate**  
Rahman Strum (40.00%)

**Senior**  
Nathan J. Fuchtmann (30.74%)  
Ben Bialas (22.01%)

**Junior**  
Laurie Dutcher (13.82%)  
Shayna Royal (19.57%)

**Sophomore**  
Nicole Massara (22.32%)  
Stacie L. Schreiber (16.81%)

**Freshman**  
Jared Rickert (15.32%)  
Eric Wong (17.88%)

## College Senators

**Arts and Sciences**  
Meg Mandy (7.85%)  
Brandon Browder (6.74%)  
Jacque Davis (6.59%)

Allyson Lenhart (7.26%)  
Sheena Marie Kennedy (7.74%)  
Dayton Headlee (6.74%)

**Business Administration**  
Jessi Coufal (18.41%)  
Nathan Kirkland (13.77%)  
Nick Buda (21.30%)

**Public Affairs and Community Service**  
Emilio Herrera (42.66%)  
Wisam Haddad (write-in)

**Communication, Fine Arts and Media**  
Cassy Loseke (87.38%)

**Education**  
Nancy Voris (36.88%)  
Tyler Micek (28.44%)

**Education and Human Resources**  
None elected

**UNL College of Engineering**  
Kevin Huddleston (75.00%)

**Graduate College**  
Brian C. Danter (20.61%)  
Gabriel Gonzalez (write-in)

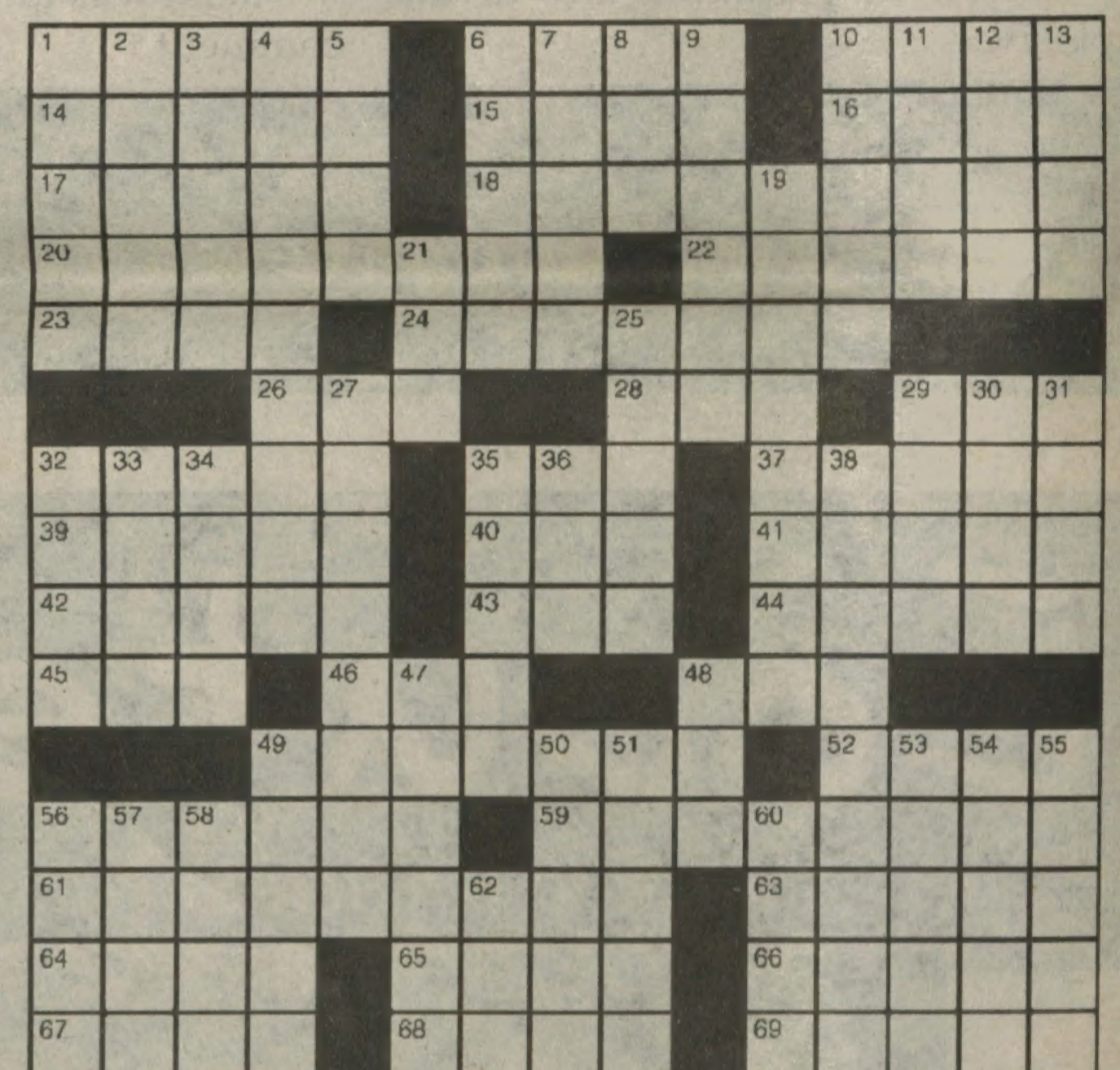
**Information Science and Technology**  
Lucas Seiler (52.22%)

**University Division**  
None elected

## Crossword

**ACROSS**  
1 Explosion  
6 Wildcat  
10 As well  
14 Condor's nest  
15 Part of BYOB  
16 Thoroughfare  
17 Beetle Bailey's boss  
18 Stall tactic  
20 Send  
22 Preferences  
23 "A Day Without Rain" singer  
24 Accomplish  
26 Gala garb  
28 JFK predecessor  
29 Crafty critter  
32 Waffle topper  
35 Get the picture  
37 Wide-eyed  
39 Clock numbers  
40 Sine \_\_ non  
41 Superman's pal Jimmy  
42 Tiny hooter  
43 WWW address  
44 Extremist  
45 Catalanian cheer  
46 Small battery size  
48 Made in the \_\_  
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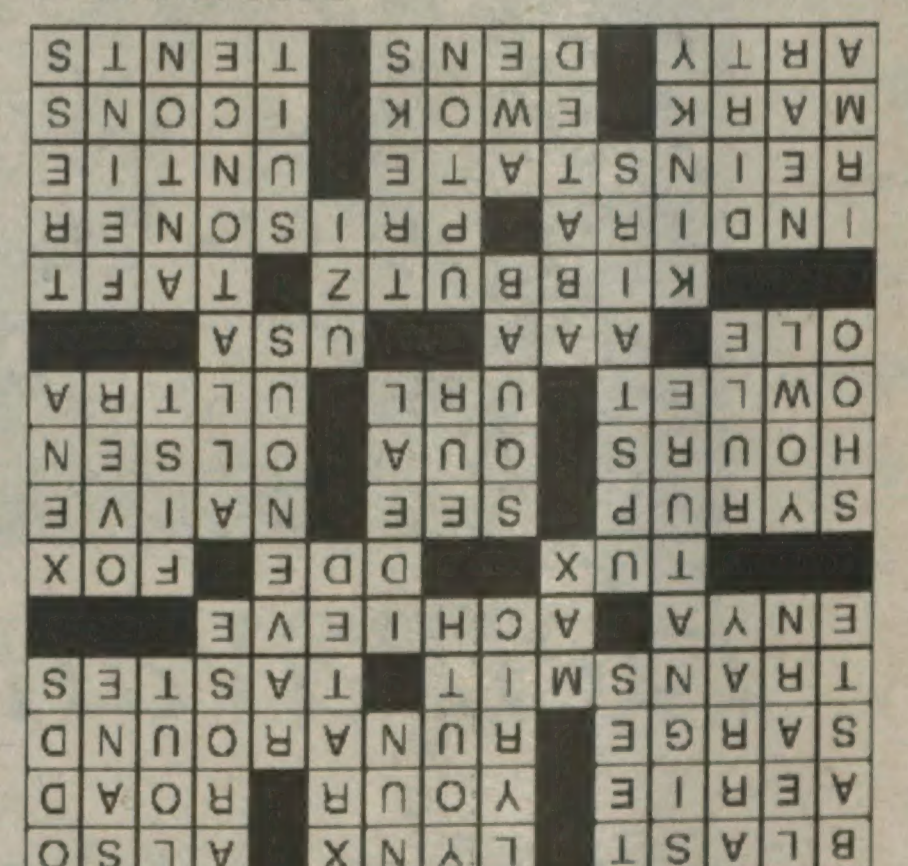
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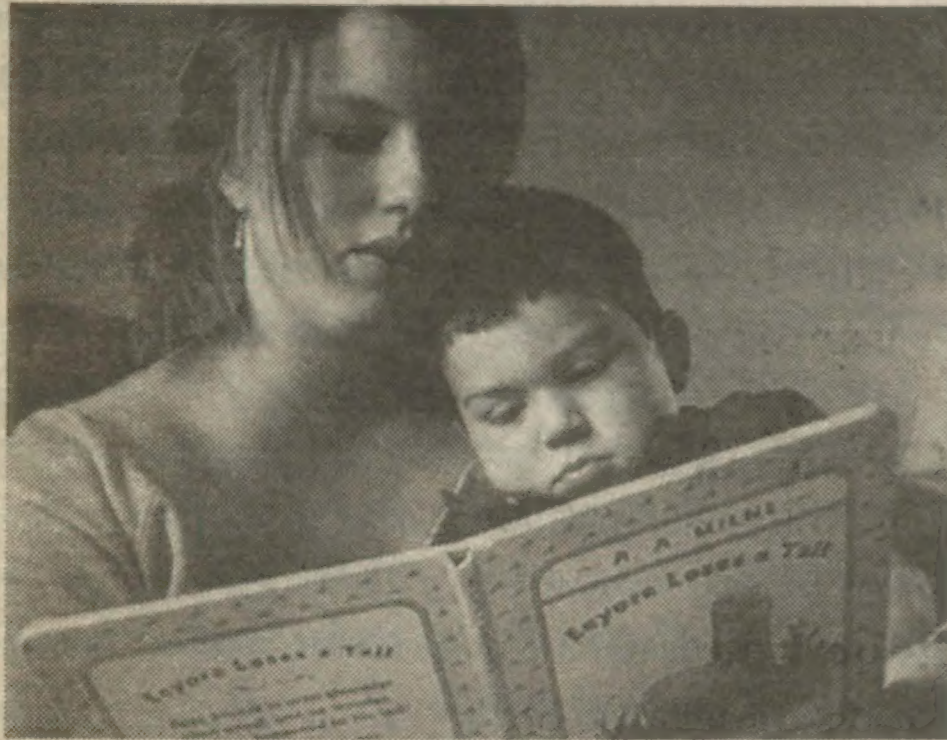
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# People

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## Single parents in the classroom: Three students, three different stories



courtesy of Anna Johnston

Senior Anna Johnston reads to her 3-year-old son, Chandler.

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On a typical morning before school, UNO graduate student Molly Adams wakes up extra early to do the usual: Ready

herself for school and wake her daughter up to feed her breakfast.

From home, she then drives to the Creighton University Medical Center where she student teaches Special Education and Communication Disorders.

As a single parent and full time student, Adams finds difficulty in finding time for herself.

"There are not many moments to just sit down and relax," she said. "I guess you relax when you plop down on your pillow at night. Time management becomes an art form."

Hand-in-hand with relaxation come financial issues as well. Money can be extremely tight and she and many other single parent-students need to rely more heavily on family than what they would have originally liked, she said.

Adams said that single parenting has put a whole new spin on her life and she believes that having a child has made her more serious about her future and career.

"It has given me some perspective on the important things in life, and in turn has helped me establish my priorities," she said. "Every decision I now make revolves around my daughter and she has become the number one priority."

UNO student Anna Johnston has a similar story.

Like Adams, Johnston is also a single parent coping with her 3-year-old son while enrolled as a full time student focusing on a major in General Studies.

Naughton, too, finds difficulty in being a single mom, yet she sees the positives as well.

"I get to make all of my own decisions," Johnston said. "I don't have to check in with anyone else but it is hard because at times I need to have time for myself and I don't have that other person to give me that time."

Though people may assume that single parents feel distanced from others, Johnston does not believe her role as a single mom has set her apart from her peers. She said she has found people her own age are mature, in serious relationships and are often looking toward marriage.

"I don't think that it's a thing of maturity. I just have to be more mature and I have to make more mature decisions," she said.

Unlike Adams and Johnston, UNO graduate student Rufino Villarreal is a single father fighting for custody of his kids. He faces a problem that many single mothers don't have to face.

"Being a male, I have to look forward to visitation since I don't have custody of the kids," Villarreal said.

As a full time student, Villarreal finds difficulty in trying to remain focused because he is constantly trying to find ways to be with his kids he said.

"When you are studying, your mind wanders because you can't be with your child and I miss my kids more than my wife," he said.

Villarreal is a member of an on-campus movement called the Fathers Rights Group, a group that advocates for single fathers. Villarreal said that the mother is often times considered the primary care giver when it comes to family law issues, which is something he would like to see changed. His group supports the rights as a father and helps them get their troubles off their chests.

The members of the group consist of both men and women, though Villarreal said the group is primarily made up of fathers.

"It is primarily fathers but there have been some women there," Villarreal said. "The women were married to someone that had been previously married and they come for moral support."

Villarreal feels the organization has potential and said that they are making efforts to do things, including talking

to senators in hopes of changing issues.

The only regret Villarreal has is putting his kids through divorce. He said they don't understand why mommy and daddy aren't together.

"They don't understand why I am not around but we have to follow what's in the divorce decree," he said.

None of the single parents interviewed regret having their children, though Johnston stresses the importance of being prepared.

"Be sure you're ready," Johnston said. "Once you're a parent you're a parent and should be pretty ready for it. There's no going back."

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# GLBTQI community steps out, celebrates National Coming Out Day



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National Coming Out Day acts as a day of support and acceptance for GLBTQI people nationwide. UNO will be showing their support by hosting a rally in the Milo Bail Student Center on Tuesday Oct. 10th.

JACQUELINE CHAVEZ  
STAFF WRITER

For many students, Oct. 11 is just another day of classes, homework and extracurricular activities. Yet for others, it's a mark in history that is celebrated every year.

The day commemorates Oct. 11, 1987, when 500,000 people marched on Washington D.C. for gay and lesbian equality. The day was officially named "National Coming Out Day." Events are held nationwide and are aimed at raising awareness for the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning and Inter-sexed community.

JohnCarl Denkovich, a student at UNO studying for his master's degree in public administration, can see the importance of such a day.

"National Coming Out Day emphasizes the importance of being comfortable with one's complete identity, whatever those aspects of one's identity may include," he said. "It is essential, especially in an academic institution, to celebrate the similarities as well as the differences that make our community diverse."

UNO has been playing its part in the celebration of NCOD with an annual rally held in the student center. The rally has been held for more than seven years and raises awareness of the GLBTQI community on campus.

"[The rally] empowers those who are struggling with their coming-out process and raises

awareness of the number of GLBTQI individuals on campus," said Gabriel Gonzalez, president of ABC Soup (GLBTQI organization at UNO).

The purpose of the rally is to educate others about the experiences people have as they stand up for who they are and accept themselves. Those present at the rally will be able to listen to GLBTQI local artists and the stories of fellow students.

"I am looking forward to the crowd that usually gathers around the fireplace lounge and listens to the stories told," said Gonzalez. "I am sure that some of the audience are touched and begin to understand the struggles of other human beings."

Denkovich knows firsthand the struggle that comes with accepting one's sexuality. He believes it is the support from those close to him that made coming out of his closet possible.

"Being honest about myself was a much easier process once it was clear how much support there was from those I am closest to," he said. "Though, the process of 'coming out,' in whatever sense, is never really over. It is a daily consideration and sometimes a daily struggle."

The "Coming Out Rally" is also for the community of UNO to learn about the Safe Space Program, which is designed to provide GLBTQI individuals with a way to identify people who are willing to listen to them and give assistance as needed. Its logo includes both rainbow colors and the UNO Durango mascot.

More importantly, this event, with the support of the school and students, gay or straight, helps celebrate diversity in our society and on our campus.

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# UNO Cycling Club on track this fall, prepares for smooth ride

JAMEE CLASEN  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Senior Tim Walker is proud of his \$75 Panasonic bike. With its rusting pedals, magenta and teal logos, and off-white handlebars, the bike has probably seen better days.

But Walker doesn't care.

"I got it at a garage sale," he said proudly, lifting a few shaggy locks of hair out of his eyes. "It probably originally sold for around \$400 to \$500."

Walker, like other members of the UNO Cycling Club, knows he doesn't need an expensive bike to be an avid biker. In fact, he said his favorite part of the club is how laid back it is, and he enjoys commuting.

Commuting?

"Instead of driving, we just ride our bikes to school," he said. "We do it every day, and we're trying to get more people."

Cycling Club President Eric Brunt is hoping this fall will be a building block for the club.

"It has been on and off the past couple of years," he said, noting that many of the previous leaders graduated, and the club began to slowly fizzle.

However, last year they started the club up again in full force. Brunt said they are now actively recruiting new members.

For starters, they are trying to get all levels of interested bikers to join.

"Even if you don't have a bike you can join," Brunt laughed. "But you can find them for really cheap."

There are no requirements to join the

group.

"As long as you like bikes," he said. "You're in."

So far, the Cycling Club has had one meeting this fall, and plans to meet again on Oct. 15 at Zio's Pizza, off 78th and Dodge streets. Brunt said he encourages anyone who is interested to come and find out what the club is all about.

"There are going to be a lot of fun events this year," he said.

Brunt plans to incorporate events like movie nights, and possibly spinning classes during the winter.

The club also meets every Tuesday and Sunday evening around 6 p.m. for weekly biking trips, and is planning a "point-to-point" ride this weekend.

Point-to-point rides are a form of racing, but with a lot more navigation involved, explained junior Lucas Marshall.

"You actually ride from one point [in Omaha] to another, and have some sort of puzzle or something to do at each point," he said. "It keeps it fun. It's more of an adventure than a race."

Heath Aufenkamp said the point-to-point rides are his favorite part of the

club. The UNO junior has been biking for about two years, and participated in one of these events with the club last Sunday.

"Anybody who wanted to do it could have," he said.

Brunt said last year the Cycling Club had about 60 interested people, and around 25 official members. He hopes to find that many or more interested biker enthusiasts this year.

"I know they're out there," he said. "It's just a matter of finding them."

To the Cycling Club, it doesn't matter if you own a garage sale bike from the early 90s, or an \$800 brand-name mountain bike.

"We really want to gear things around fun this fall," Brunt said. "Not everyone wants to race their bicycle. We just want to get to know other people who like to ride bikes."

The Cycling Club dues are \$10 annually. Interested students can email Brunt at unocycling@yahoo.com, or call the UNO Outdoor Venture Center at 554-2258 for more information.



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UNO Cycling Club President Eric Brunt encourages all cycling enthusiasts to join the Cycling Club.

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#### September 27th

Sig Ep vs Blazers forfeit  
Lambda Chi 6 vs Wrestlers 14  
Pike A 27 vs The Shockers 19  
Sig Ep B1 12 vs Pike Pledge 6  
Sig Ep B 2 12 vs Scottish Meatballs 6  
Pike B vs The X Factor forfeit

#### September 28th

Alpha Xi Delta 12 vs Sigma Kappa 13  
Chi Omega 18 vs Zeta Tau Alpha 0

#### October 1st

Asian Pride vs Crashers forfeit  
Dazed & Confused forfeit vs Down  
Team Jackass vs Floor Generals forfeit  
Team Jackass forfeit vs Pink Zebras  
Pink Zebras 12 vs Spam 0

Snakes forfeit vs The Balls forfeit  
7 Clouds 19 vs The Bears 12  
Hustlers 38 vs Team Ramrod 39  
Last Word 21 vs McNasties 2  
Spam 0 vs Floor Generals 32

### October 1st (cont.)

The Wolfpack 0 vs Shannon 34  
Fresh Princess 35 vs That Team 0  
The Crew 26 vs Highlanders 12  
Non Sequitar 12 vs Off Often 26  
Thunder 7 vs Mike Hunt 14  
Donkey Punchers 21 vs The Pain Train 18

### Soccer

#### September 26th

Dazed vs The Neon Ninjas forfeit  
The Neon forfeit vs Free Agents  
Dazed 8 vs Free Agents 6

#### September 27th

Kulob forfeit vs Pill Passers  
819 & Crew 2 vs Gunners 1  
L.R.G. 7 vs Sig Ep B 0  
Sig Ep A 3 vs Pike A 4

#### September 28th

Sigma Kappa forfeit vs Chi Omega  
Chi Omega 4 vs Alpha Xi Delta 0  
Sigma Kappa forfeit vs Alpha Xi Delta

### Volleyball

#### September 27th

Ballers 2 vs Zach 0  
Soft & Dry 0 vs Gunners 2

#### October 1st

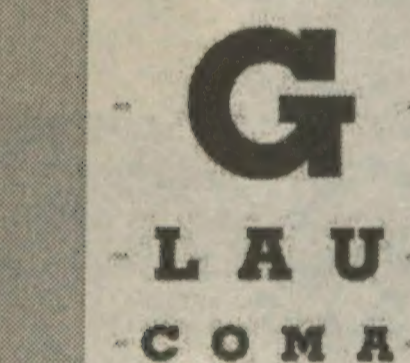
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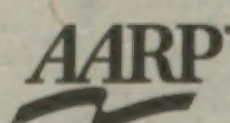
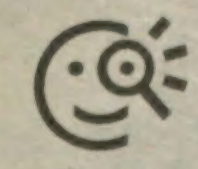
#### October 2nd

Rain Drops 0 vs The Slackers 2  
Legos 2 vs That Team 0  
Zalensky forfeit vs Basketball Players  
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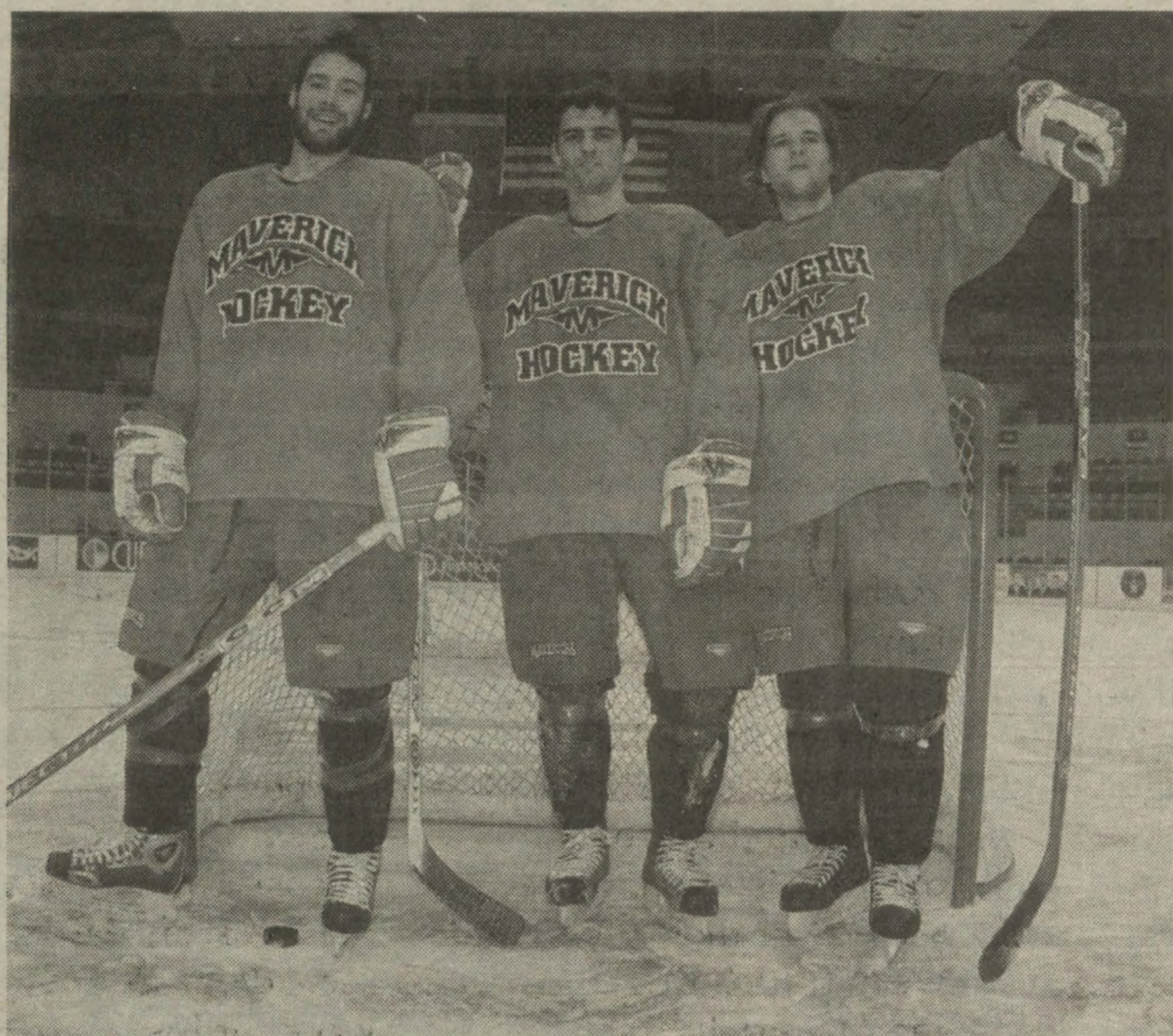


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Bill Thomas, Bryan Marshall and Scott Parse led the Mavericks to their first NCAA Tournament last year. Thomas has since moved to the NHL. The Mavs return to home ice Oct. 10 against Manitoba.

## Hockey Picked 5th in Preseason Polls

MICHELLE BISHOP  
PHOTO EDITOR

The Maverick hockey team has been picked to finish fifth in the coaches' and news media preseason Central Collegiate Hockey Association polls. The polls were announced as part of the annual CCHA media day held at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit on Sept. 27.

Senior forward Scott Parse, the 2005-06 CCHA player of the year and leading scorer last season, was named to the preseason all-conference first team.

Referring to Parse, Head Coach Mike Kemp told the media: "Last year he was an All-Conference selection, All-American, and CCHA Player of the Year. He is the cornerstone of our team, but we have a very good surrounding cast for him."

After finishing in a tie for fourth place in the CCHA last year, the Mavs ended the season 21-15-6 after making their first appearance in the NCAA tournament.

The Mavs will open their 10th season of play Oct. 10 in an exhibition game against Manitoba at the Qwest Center Omaha at 7:05 p.m.

"Our 10th season is exciting, for me as a coach, is one of the first years in which we've had a wealth of upperclassmen," Kemp said. "We'll have seven seniors and that senior leadership is key to success."

The value his seniors bring to the ice is immense, said Kemp, and it's best expressed in the upward curve of their collegiate careers.

"These seniors have experienced the absolute low of finishing in 12th place in the CCHA. They've experienced a trip to the Joe as sophomores and a trip to the NCAA Tournament as juniors," said Kemp.

"And we hope their experiences and what they've gone through in the past four years will help to influence the rest of our young guys and assimilate them into college hockey."

## Golf team cards first fall victory at Nebraska Wesleyan Invitational

JASON GLENN  
SPORTS EDITOR

Everything came together at the right time for the UNO golf team on Monday, including the weather.

After a gusty first day of competition, the Mavericks capitalized on sunny, warm and calm conditions to fire their best round of the year and capture the top spot in the Nebraska Wesleyan Invitational in Lincoln. It was the first win of the fall season for UNO, who had finished seventh, third and fourth in three previous tournaments.

The team's composure and focus impressed Coach Tim Nelson.

"I'm happy with the second day. That first day was a very, very windy day, very tough day," Nelson said. "It's not as if they played poorly, I just think they let that wind get to them a little bit too much. They came back and, mentally, were prepared to play that second day."

Juniors Lynn Mulligan and Lindsay Newton again led the Mavericks with matching scores of 155, good enough

to place both in a tie for second place individually. Newton and freshman Erin Ommen each shot three-over-par 75s Monday to record tournament-low rounds for UNO.

As a whole, the team dropped 27 strokes from its first-round total to post a 307 on the second day of the tournament, the lowest 18-hole tally of the season for the Mavericks. Five UNO golfers carded scores in the 70s, including junior Kate O'Dea, who shot a 79 competing as an individual.

Nelson said the mix of weather, course conditions and his players' enthusiasm made Monday a great confidence builder for the upcoming North Central Conference tournament.

"I think that was the fun part about it, you saw some good scores out there. And the kids were ready to play, their minds were there, just a combination of everything seemed right," said Nelson. "It just was a great day to go out and score."

The Mavericks wrap up the fall season with the 54-hole NCC tournament Oct. 7-9 in Sioux Falls, S.D.

## Volleyball team holds on, rallies to sweep visiting NMSU Bearcats



Carlie Christensen

SCOTT STEWART  
NEWS EDITOR

In a hard-fought game Tuesday, the UNO volleyball team pushed ahead of the Northwest Missouri State University Bearcats,

resulting in a 3-0 sweep by the Mavericks.

"I thought the girls played very well," Coach Rose Shires said. "Carlie [Christensen] played a great game. [Christina] Reicks really stepped it up."

Although the final scores of the games (30-27, 30-20, 30-23) might not show it, the Mavs battled through a loss of the lead in all three games. In each game they rallied and won a series of points, often by diving or making tough digs inches from the floor.

The match began with points awarded back-and-forth, with the Mavs taking an early lead only to face a four-point deficit late in the first game. UNO turned the game around, rallying after a timeout to go from a two-point deficit to the win, thanks to two kills, including the game point, by freshman Kelli Goesser from sophomore Katie Agnew.

The second game felt like déjà-vu until a series of errors lead the Mavericks to a mid-game lead of five points. The Bearcats came back, tying the match, until a series of kills and defensive errors brought UNO back for a devastating end-game victory.

Following a brief break, the Mavericks returned to the court for another crushing game that saw kill after kill, many again assisted by Agnew.

In all, Agnew totaled 46 assists for the game, while Reicks achieved her team-leading 12th double-double of the season with 15 kills and 16 digs.

"One thing that I think worked well for us was our service game," Shires said. She went on to say that the ladies also prevented Northwest Missouri State from using their fast offense.

The win brings the No. 21 Mavericks to 13-5 overall this season.

Their next contest will be against Minnesota State-Mankato, a North Central Conference member, at Sapp Fieldhouse tomorrow at 6 p.m.



Christina Reicks

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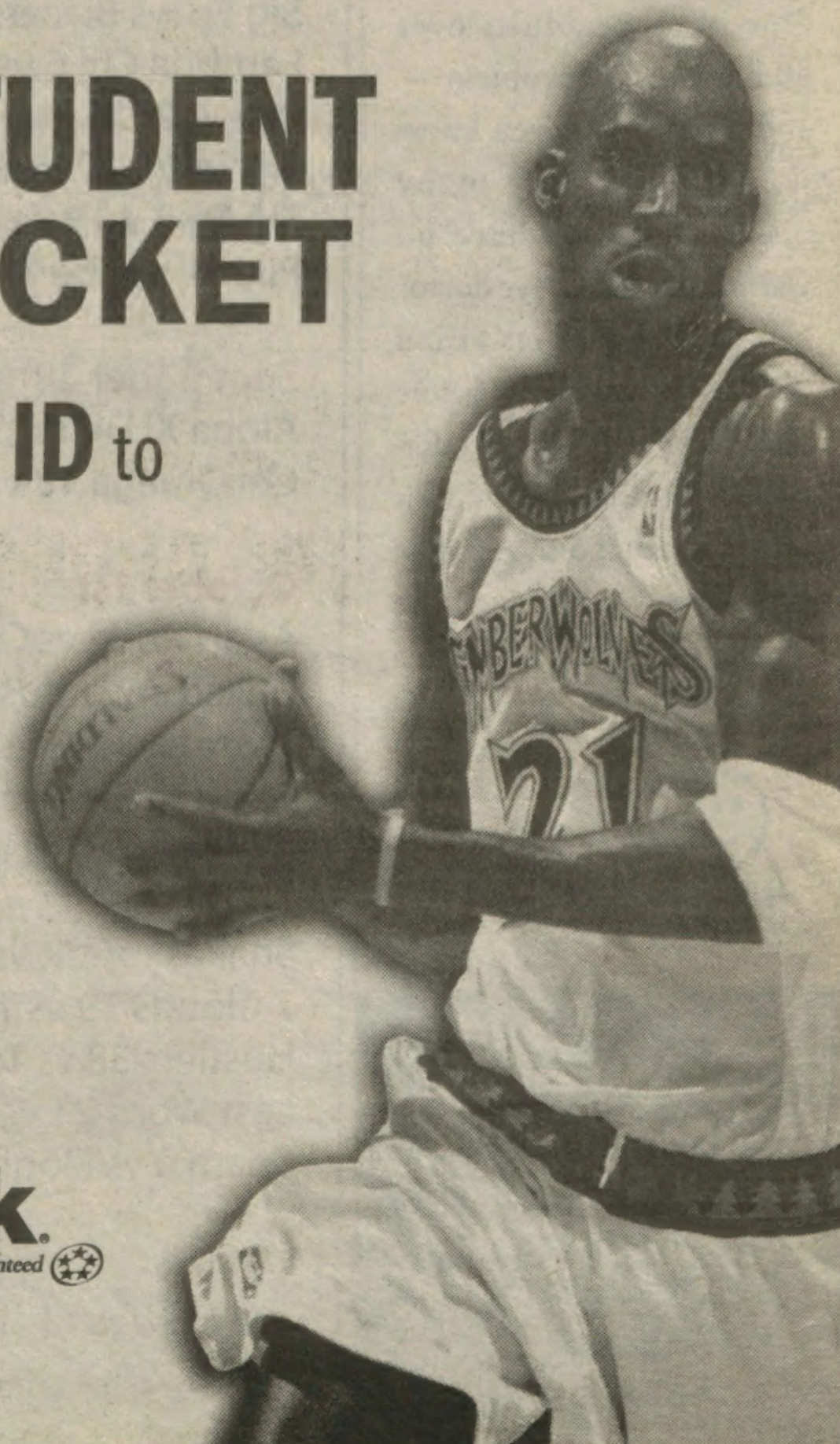
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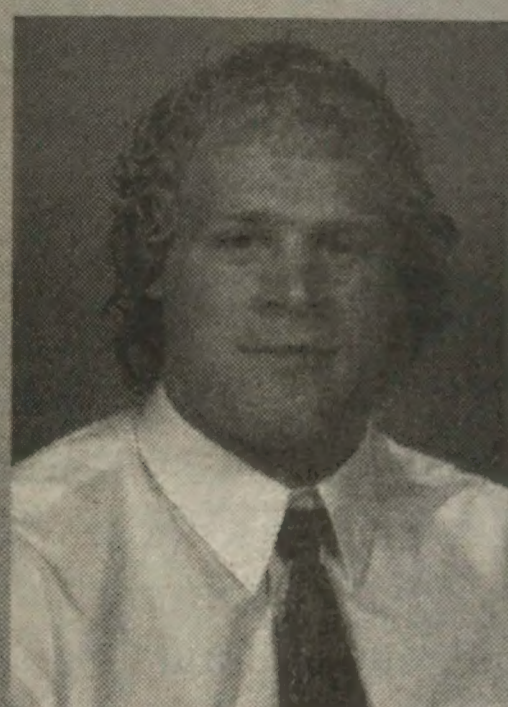


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## Marvelous Mavericks: A roundup of UNO's top performers

COMPILED BY JASON GLENN  
SPORTS EDITOR



Bobby Danenhauer  
Senior

Danenhauer, a linebacker from Omaha, repeated as an NCC defensive player of the week, this time for anchoring the Maverick defense in the Augustana win. He had four solo tackles and four assists, a sack, a quarterback hurry and an interception against the Vikings to help UNO move to 3-1 on the year and 2-0 in the conference.



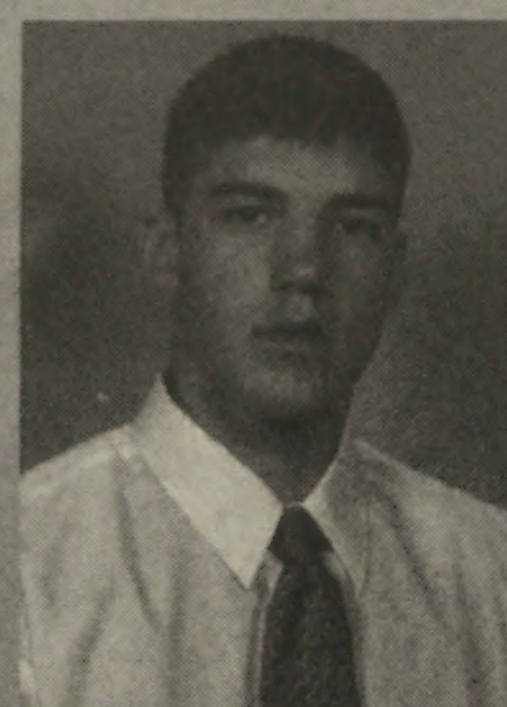
Katie Agnew  
Junior

Agnew, a junior from Omaha, was named the NCC's setter of the week for her efforts in UNO's four-game victory over intrastate rival Nebraska-Kearney. She averaged 11 assists and 2 kills per game and notched a .583 hitting percentage with nine digs and three blocks and came up with critical points in the deciding game.



Tara Wegehaupt  
Sophomore

Wegehaupt, a midfielder from Duluth, Minn., was named the NCC's defensive player of the week for her contributions to No. 1-ranked UNO's shutout victories over Wayne State and St. Cloud State last week. She led a defensive effort that permitted only one shot on goal through both games.



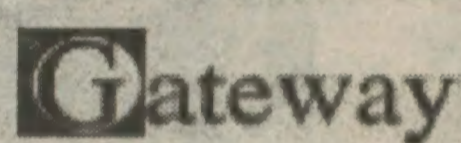
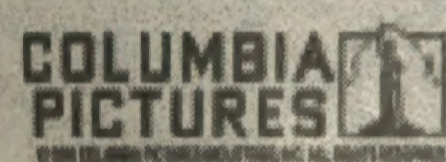
Zach Miller  
Junior

Quarterback Miller, from Wahoo, Neb., was named one of the NCC's offensive players of the week for leading the Mavericks to a 21-14 win over Minnesota State, Mankato last Saturday. He picked up 165 yards rushing and scored two touchdowns, including the game-winner with less than four minutes to go.

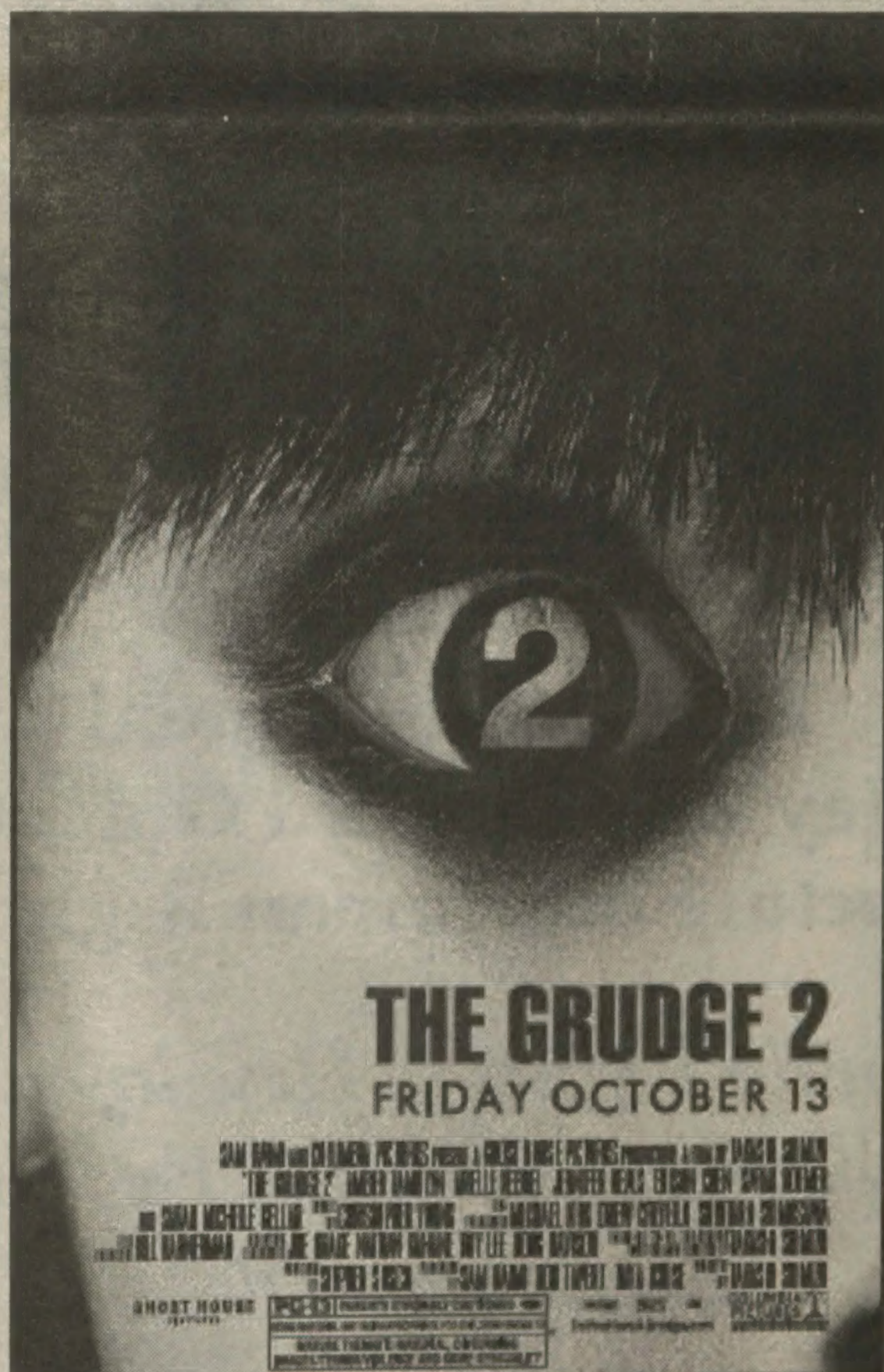


Kyle Kasperbauer  
Senior

**Tailback**  
Kasperbauer was named the NCC's offensive player of the week for the second consecutive week for his efforts in UNO's 59-28 blowout of Augustana. He amassed a career-high 195 rushing yards on 21 attempts and scored three of the Mavericks' modern-day record eight rushing touchdowns.



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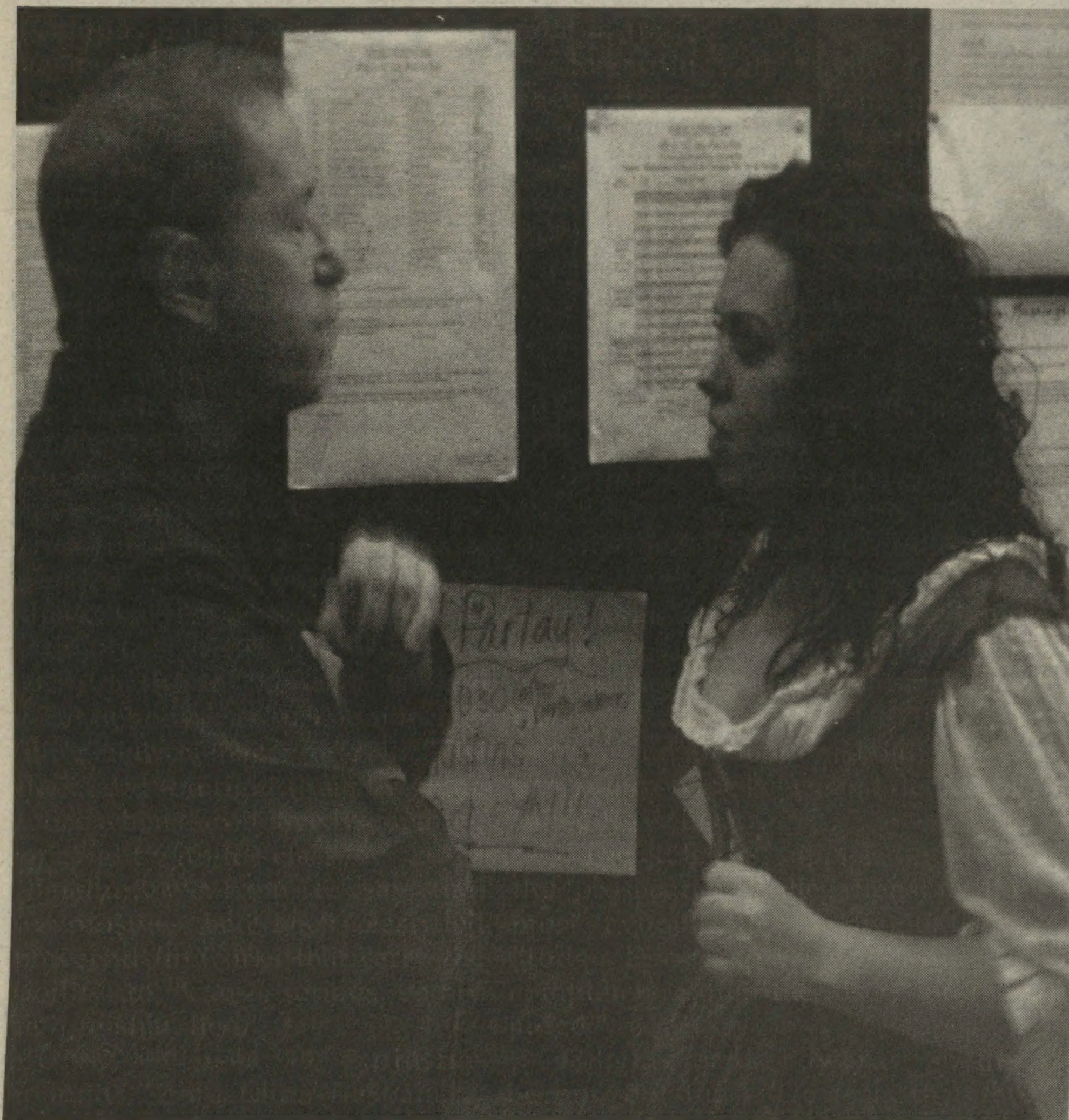
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Director D. Scott Glasser and actress junior Krystal Kelly discuss a scene from *Man of La Mancha* before a rehearsal.

## Man of La Mancha brings tale of Don Quixote to UNO this week

TAYLOR MULLER  
ASST. NEWS AND SPORTS EDITOR

A play within a play, a musical, an age-old tale of glory, filled with nobility and struggle. All of these terms were tossed about as director D. Scott Glasser explained what the UNO Theatre Department's newest production was all about.

Thursday was the first night for Dale Wasserman's musical, *Man of La Mancha*, which brings the story of Don Quixote to life, all from inside a prison cell.

This musical is the first of four main stage plays the department will perform this year.

The presentation of the Broadway play *Man of La Mancha* is being done by the UNO Theatre Department and will be the master's thesis for graduate students Paul Coate and Lora Kaup.

Paul Coate is performing the title role and Lora Kaup is the costume designer.

Krystal Kelly, who plays the female lead of Dulcinea, said rehearsing for the play has been amazing, and as her third main-stage performer, it has been her best experience as an actress.

The play will utilize the black-box stage, which will be set up to resemble a jail cell where the main character, Miguel de Cervantes, is put on trial by his fellow inmates. Cervantes' defense is an acted-out play; the play that he wrote telling the story of Don Quixote of La Mancha.

"It's a musical written in the mid-1960s, and it's one of the most

successful musicals in American theatre history," Glasser said. "It's an adaptation of Miguel's novel; a very heavily satiric novel about the adventures of a noble knight."

The tale weaves in Miguel's life, including being a pirate and thrown into prison a few times, Glasser said.

Utilizing the black-box arrangement provides more possibilities with a limited set.

"Every show changes, we change the seating and the stage," Kelly said. "We can pretty much do whatever we want."

Glasser was interested in this musical because of its focus on the dreams, and how the music was the expression of the characters' hopes and dreams.

"As with most musicals, there are points where characters can't express in language how they feel, but only in song," Glasser said. "It's a marvelous score."

Ticket prices are \$15 for adults, or \$10 for students and seniors, and may be purchased in person, by e-mail at unoboxoffice@mail.unomaha.edu or by calling the box office at 554-2335.

Performances run Oct. 5 through 7 and 11 through 14. A special matinee will be held Oct. 14 at 3 p.m. All performances will be in the Weber Fine Arts Building. The house opens at 7 p.m. with a 7:30 p.m. curtain for all evening performances.

The performance on Oct. 11 will be ASL interpreted. Following the performance on Oct. 13, a talk-back session will take place with the director, designers and cast.

## The Departed: Classic cops, crime

MICHAEL NELLIS  
STAFF WRITER

"Cops or criminals, when you're facing a loaded gun, what's the difference," is the tagline for the return movie of acclaimed director Martin Scorsese. A remake of the 2002 Hong Kong film, *Infernal Affairs*, *The Departed* is packed with action and brings in a well-known cast that includes Matt Damon and Jack Nicholson.

Set in South Boston, the state police are waging a war on Irish-American organized crime led by mob boss Frank Costello (Nicholson). Undercover cop Billy Costigan (Leonardo DiCaprio) is ordered to gain Costello's trust but, unknown to the police, Colin Sullivan (Damon) has begun infiltrating the ranks of the department. Both become consumed by their double lives, but when it becomes clear to both the mob and the police that there is a mole in their midst, Billy and Colin are suddenly in danger of being exposed. Each must race to uncover the identity of the other man in time to save themselves.

With such a star-studded lineup, audiences could only expect spectacular performances all around. There's no disappointment here as every actor gives an almost flawless performance.

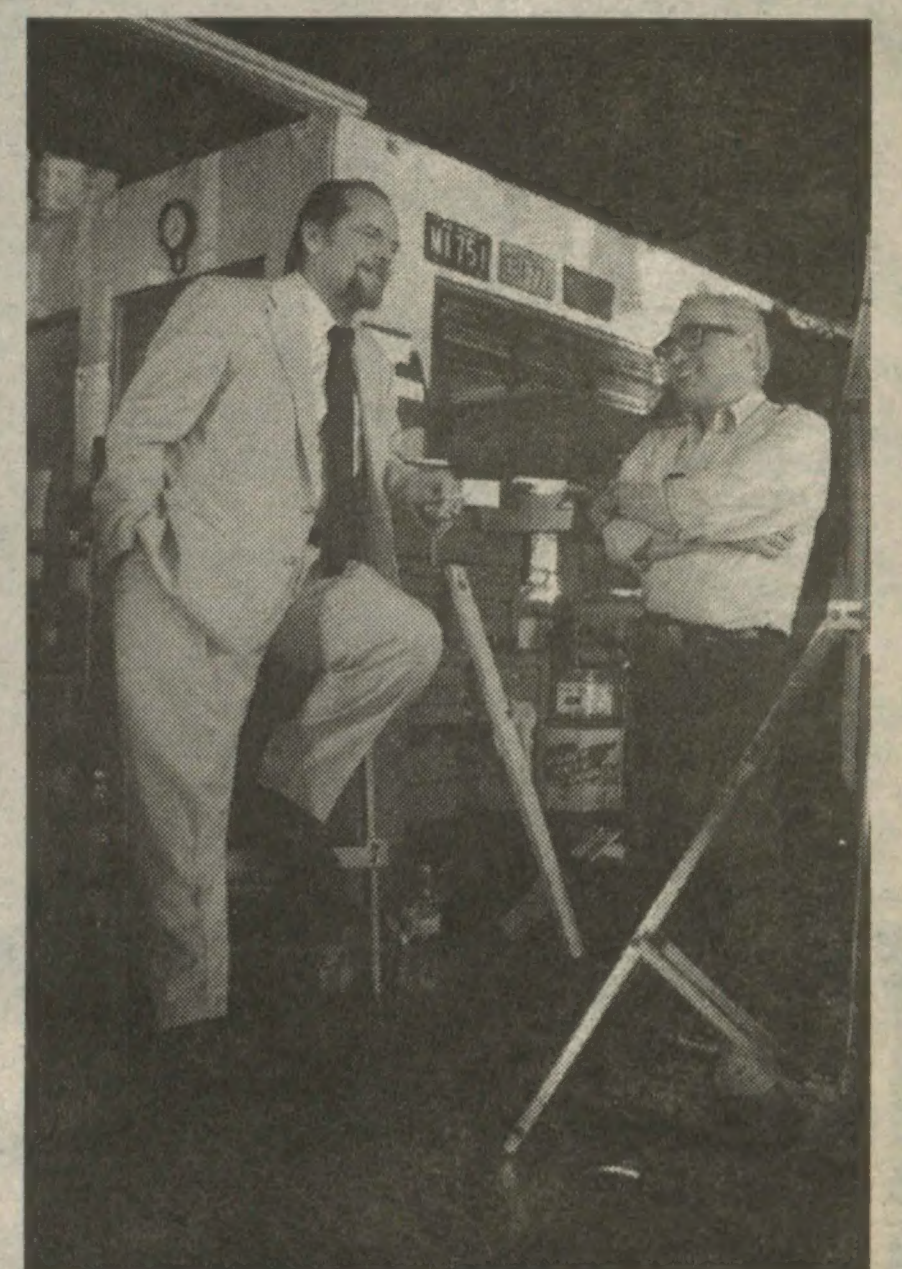
Nicholson once again plays "the guy you love to hate," and is the true star of the film. The only bad comment should be aimed at the poor Boston accent DiCaprio uses throughout the movie. He sounds more like Michael J. Fox in *Back to the Future* than a tough undercover cop. Yet outstanding performances by Martin Sheen, Alec Baldwin and others are more than enough to make

viewers forget.

Runtime is over two and a half hours long, but no part of the movie drags. A good balance between comedy, action and drama keep the audience interested for every minute. A warning to those with weak stomachs, though: *The Departed* is full of graphic violence, heavy adult language and minor sexual content.

*The Departed* is well-written, well-directed and well-acted, which makes for a must-see movie. A fitting ending only adds to why this movie is a strong candidate for "Movie of the Year."

Grade: A+



Jack Nicholson and director Martin Scorsese share a laugh on set.

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# Rumor Has It...

## A look at what's in development--maybe



ANDREW CUMBEE

A & L EDITOR

It has been a busy few weeks in the land of geekdom. So many cool castings, so many cool new projects. But without further ado, here's the lead story on the internet.

### Iron Man has been cast

That's right. It seems like we just started talking about this project a couple weeks ago. This is moving forward at an astounding rate. Anyway, just a few days ago aint-it-cool-news.com broke the story before the film trade papers did.

Iron Man will be played by Robert Downey, Jr.

Let that sink in. That's some of the weirdest casting ever. Yet that's possibly some of the best casting ever. Downey is nowhere near the superhero type, but that's what works for this character. As we all know, Downey has had addiction problems. Tony Stark, the man in Iron Man, goes through problems of alcoholism in the comics, which will almost assuredly be brought into the film series.

I don't know if I'm as excited about it as I was about Tobey Maguire in *Spider-Man*, but one thing is sure: I cannot wait to see this movie and how everything works out.

Now that we have a *Texas Chainsaw* prequel...

Director John McNaughton has been talking about the *Nightmare on Elm Street* prequel. The project was first suggested as a 'maybe' after the success of *Freddy Vs. Jason* more than three years ago. What's

weird about the story is that McNaughton talked about it instead of a studio rep. That's usually a bad sign about something coming together.

McNaughton said himself in his *Fangoria* magazine interview that New Line hasn't gotten back to him yet even though they did approach him a while back. That could also mean that he doesn't have the job any more.

Either way, it is definitely an interesting story. McNaughton is the director of *Henry: Portrait of a Serial Killer*. If you haven't checked it out, do so. It's one of the most creepy, accurate portrayals of a murderer. McNaughton is perfect for a pre-monster Freddy Krueger.

### New sequels to long dead series

Tom Rothman, a major player at 20th Century Fox brought talk of the original *Alien* and *Predator* series' back earlier this week. He mentioned in an interview that they are not currently working on a *Predator* 3, but it is something that they still talk about and think about often.

They do? What about all the fans? That series never needed an *Alien Vs. Predator* to resurrect it. It had and still has so much potential. And now that *AVP 2* is almost upon us to unleash even more suck, I can't help but think of all the cooler sequels to both series that we could have had pre-merge.

Rothman also mentioned *Alien 5*, which he said they'd make in an instant if original director Ridley Scott wanted in.

That's odd...I heard a rumor a while back that Scott did want to do *Alien 5*.

I'd say this may fly sooner than people may expect. Unless *AVP 2* has outstanding numbers, maybe Fox will see that people really just want their originals back. So don't go see that movie.

### And still in horror...

This is kind of a non-story, but I thought I'd share it with the fans out there (although, you can count me out of that crowd). *Hostel: Part 2*'s storyline was revealed by director Eli Roth this week. You guessed it: some young guys go to Europe and go to a hostel. Wow, pretty original. This one is in Italy, I guess and they meet a girl from class that leads them to it.

### Quick Hits

Some terrific bad guy casting news. First Jeffrey Wright is announced as most likely to step into the role of the lead Internet terrorist guy in *Live Free or Die Hard* (the current title to *Die Hard 4*) and the day after Gael Garcia Bernal is leaked as the possible bad guy in *The Bourne Ultimatum* (the third story in *The Bourne Identity/Supremacy* series). Wright is most famous for his roles in the *Shaft* remake and HBO's *Angels in America* mini-series. He'll be popping up in another huge franchise later this year. Wright will play Felix Leiter, James Bond's CIA friend in *Casino Royale*. Bernal the native Mexican actor best known for his performance in *The Motorcycle Diaries*. I can't wait to see these guys in straight up action movies.

For the two *Pumpkinhead* fanatics out there, here's a reminder: *Pumpkinhead: Ashes to Ashes* will premiere on The Sci-Fi Channel at 8 p.m. on Oct. 28.

For the geeks with loads of cash to throw at DVDs, here's something for you and this is a little staggering. For the release of *Superman Returns* on Nov. 28, Warner Bros. is putting out a few different options for Supes' fans. Foremost is the amazing 14-disc release, which was rumored for a while and just confirmed last week. The **Superman Ultimate Collector's Edition** DVD set includes all the Christopher Reeve films, *Superman Returns*, last year's acclaimed *Look, Up in the Sky* documentary, the 1951 George Reeves *Superman and the Mole-Men* and 17 of the early Superman cartoons. The jewel here, though, is Richard Donner's cut of *Superman II*. The film was made at the same time as *Superman: The Movie*, but Donner was fired before finishing it. Richard Lester finished it and was credited. For the first time in more than 25 years, though, we get to see what the original would have been (or as close as possible anyway). Early word is that it's fantastic and totally changes the film. Anyway, you have a few options. There's also an 8-disc version with just the special editions of the Christopher Reeve movies and *Superman Returns* and *Superman II: The Donner Cut* also have separate releases so fans can pick and choose what they want.

And there's some great stuff to look forward to there. Back in two weeks.

## In short: CD reviews in under 150 words



mewwithoutYou  
*Brother, Sister*

Chances are, if you know who mewwithoutYou is, you already have this album and are basking in what can only be described as its aura of serenity.

Just like their debut release, *Catch for Us the Foxes*, the five-piece group of experimental musicians are lead expertly by the captivating Aaron Weiss.

*Brother, Sister* is not an album, it is both Weiss' confession and sermon put to hymn-like experimental beats, melodies and ambient sounds. None of these elements are ever out of place; they all have a purpose.

This album and band are not for everybody, but for those looking for something a little bit different, then you can't get much more different, or much better than mewwithoutYou and *Brother, Sister*.

Rating: A

-Charley Reed



Pete Yorn  
*Nightcrawler*

So I'm a little behind the curve on this one since it came out in the end of August. But it is such an amazing release that my tardiness can be excused this time. Yorn, who alt-rock jangle-popped into listeners' hearts five years ago with *musicforthemorningafter*, delivers some truly inspired and poetic songs on *Nightcrawler*.

The album is lush and truly Springsteen-like. Yorn is a prolific storyteller.

The song, "The Man," with plucky Dixie Chick Natalie Maines on backing vocals, has a twang reminiscent of the Chicks' 2002 release *Home*. Yorn and the Dixie Chicks will be at Omaha's Qwest Center on Nov. 28.

*Nightcrawler* is full of songs that make the perfect companion to the scene in a coming of age movie when the lead character discovers it's better to stand up straight even when it means standing alone. It was worth the wait.

Rating: A-

-Angi Sada



Senses Fail  
*Still Searching*

There is nothing new or really engaging about *Still Searching*, Senses Fail's follow up to the successful *Let it Enfold You*. I know that those qualities are everything I hate about recent so-called "punk rock." For some reason, though, don't ask me why, I actually like this album.

Truthfully, if you've heard the first single from this release, "Calling All Cars," then you know what the rest of the album sounds like. However, there are certain catchy little gems, like "Sick or Sane" and "To All the Crowded Rooms" that remind me of my personal favorites Vendetta Red and Silverstein. And hell, if an album can make me smile, it can't be all bad. Right?

Grade: B-

-Charley Reed

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